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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (a) Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, as provided in
5 sections 17a-101a to 17a-101c, inclusive, or section 17a-103, in which
6 the alleged perpetrator is (1) a person responsible for such child's
7 health, welfare or care, (2) a person given access to such child by such
8 responsible person, or (3) a person entrusted with the care of a child,
9 the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
10 designee, shall cause the report to be classified and evaluated
11 immediately. If the report contains sufficient information to warrant an
12 investigation, the commissioner shall make the commissioner's best
13 efforts to commence an investigation of a report concerning an
14 imminent risk of physical harm to a child or other emergency within
15 two hours of receipt of the report and shall commence an investigation
16 of all other reports within seventy-two hours of receipt of the report.

17 The department shall complete any such investigation [within thirty]
18 not later than forty-five calendar days after the date of receipt of the
19 report. If the report is a report of child abuse or neglect in which the
20 alleged perpetrator is not a person specified in subdivision (1), (2) or
21 (3) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall
22 refer the report to the appropriate local law enforcement authority for
23 the town in which the child resides or in which the alleged abuse or
24 neglect occurred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	17a-101g(a)

HS *Joint Favorable*